

Stutzman amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 114–49) that sought to establish the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2016 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2017 through 2025. Balances in six years, encourages pro-growth tax reform, and provides for our national defense (by a recorded vote of 132 ayes to 294 noes, Roll No. 138);

**Pages H1946–63, H1981–82**

Van Hollen amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 114–49) that reflects policies that will put the federal budget on a fiscally responsible path, with debt declining as a share of the economy. It sought to provide for tax policies that help the middle class and those working their way into the middle class by raising the take-home pay of hard-working Americans, and rejects the sequester caps to make needed investments that create jobs for those still seeking work, that educate our children and prepare them for success, and that sharpen the nations competitive edge (by a recorded vote of 160 ayes to 264 noes, Roll No. 139); and

**Pages H1963–80, H1982–83**

Price (GA) amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 114–49) that sought to retain the \$94 billion for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism function (Function 970) in Fiscal Year 2016. The amendment also retains a deficit-neutral reserve fund for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism in section 513. This section permits the Chair of the Committee on the Budget to adjust the 302(a) allocations to the Committee on Appropriations, and other appropriate levels, for any appropriations measure that provides new budget authority for Overseas Contingency Operations in excess of \$73.5 billion up to \$94 billion in Fiscal Year 2016 (by a recorded vote of 105 ayes to 319 noes, Roll No. 140).

**Pages H1983–98, H2017–18**

H. Res. 163, the rule providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 27) was agreed to yesterday, March 24th.

**Committee Elections:** The House agreed to H. Res. 172, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, March 26.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

**Slain Officer Family Support Act of 2015:** H.R. 1527, to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of the families of New York Police Department Detectives Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H1909.

**Senate Referral:** S. 301 was held at the desk.

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**Quorum Calls Votes:** Six recorded votes and one yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1980, H1981, H1981–82, H1982–83, H2018, H2018–19, and H2020–21. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### IMPLICATIONS OF POTENTIAL RETALIATORY MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST THE UNITED STATES IN RESPONSE TO MEAT LABELING REQUIREMENTS

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing to examine the implications of potential retaliatory measures taken against the United States in response to meat labeling requirements. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### REAUTHORIZING THE CFTC: MARKET PARTICIPANT VIEWS

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy and Credit held a hearing on reauthorizing the CFTC: market participant views. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### APPROPRIATIONS—CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention budget. Testimony was heard from Thomas Frieden, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and Anne Schuchat, Assistant Surgeon General, Public Health Service, Director, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, Centers for Disease Control.

### APPROPRIATIONS—INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY AND GLOBAL THREAT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Intelligence Community and Global Threat budget. Testimony was heard from James R. Clapper, Director, National Intelligence. This hearing was closed.

**APPROPRIATIONS—AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE PUBLIC AND OUTSIDE WITNESS DAY**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing for American Indian and Alaska Native public and outside witnesses. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**APPROPRIATIONS—FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION, PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION AND FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Federal Railroad Administration, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration budget. Testimony was heard from Sarah Feinberg, Acting Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration; Timothy P. Butters, Acting Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration; and T.F. Scott Darling, III, Acting Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

**APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION AND NAVAL REACTORS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on National Nuclear Security Administration, Nuclear Nonproliferation and Naval Reactors budget. Testimony was heard from Frank Klotz, Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration; Anne Harrington, Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration; and Admiral John M. Richardson, Director, Naval Reactors.

**APPROPRIATIONS—FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Federal Bureau of Investigation budget. Testimony was heard from James B. Comey, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

**APPROPRIATIONS—STATE AND FOREIGN OPERATIONS PUBLIC WITNESS DAY**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing for public and outside witnesses. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**APPROPRIATIONS—JUDICIARY**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on Judiciary budget. Testimony was heard from Julia S. Gibbons, Chair, Committee on the Budget, Judicial Conference of the United States; and James C. Duff, Director, Administrative Office, United States Courts.

**STAKEHOLDER'S VIEWS ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MILITARY COMPENSATION AND RETIREMENT MODERNIZATION COMMISSION**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled "Stakeholder's Views on the Recommendations of the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**COUNTERING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION STRATEGY AND THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY AND CHEMICAL BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing entitled "Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Strategy and the Fiscal Year 2016 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency and Chemical Biological Defense Program". Testimony was heard from Eric Rosenbach, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Global Security; Chris Hassell, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Chemical and Biological Defense; John Burnham, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Threat Reduction and Arms Control; Kenneth Myers, Director, Defense Threat Reduction Agency and U.S. Strategic Command Center for Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction; and Douglas Bryce, Deputy, Joint Program Executive Officer for Chemical and Biological Defense.

**FISCAL YEAR 2016 NATIONAL SECURITY SPACE HEARING**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled "Fiscal Year 2016 National Security Space Hearing". Testimony was heard from General John E. Hyten, USAF, Commander, Air Force Space Command; Douglas L. Loverro, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Space Policy, Department of Defense; Dyke Weatherington, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary

of Defense for Space, Strategic, and Intelligence Systems, Department of Defense; Betty Sapp, Director, National Reconnaissance Office; Robert Cardillo, Director, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency; and Lieutenant General John “Jay” Raymond, USAF, Commander, Joint Functional Component Command for Space.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy concluded a markup on the “Improving Coal Combustion Residuals Regulation Act of 2015”. The “Improving Coal Combustion Residuals Regulation Act of 2015” was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade concluded a markup on the “Data Security and Breach Notification Act of 2015”. The “Data Security and Breach Notification Act of 2015” was forwarded to the full committee, as amended.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 299, the “Capital Access for Small Community Financial Institutions Act of 2015”; H.R. 601, the “Eliminate Privacy Notice Confusion Act”; H.R. 650, the “Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing Act of 2015”; H.R. 685, the “Mortgage Choice Act of 2015”; H.R. 1195, the “Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection Advisory Boards Act”; H.R. 1259, the “Helping Expand Lending Practices in Rural Communities Act”; H.R. 1265, the “Bureau Advisory Commission Transparency Act”; H.R. 1367, to amend the Expedited Funds Availability Act to clarify the application of that Act to American Samoa and the Northern Mariana Islands; H.R. 1408, the “Mortgage Servicing Asset Capital Requirements Act of 2015”; H.R. 1480, the “SAFE Act Confidentiality and Privilege Enhancement Act”; H.R. 1529, the “Community Institution Mortgage Relief Act of 2015”; and a resolution to establish the Task Force to Investigate Terrorism Financing. The committee passed a resolution to establish the Task Force to Investigate Terrorism Financing.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a markup on H.R. 237, to authorize the revocation or denial of passports and passport cards to individuals affiliated with foreign terrorist organizations, and for other purposes. H.R. 237 was forwarded to the full committee, as amended.

#### THE GOLDMAN ACT TO RETURN ABDUCTED AMERICAN CHILDREN: REVIEWING OBAMA ADMINISTRATION IMPLEMENTATION

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “The Goldman Act to Return Abducted American Children: Reviewing Obama Administration Implementation”. Testimony was heard from Susan S. Jacobs, Special Advisor for Children’s Issues, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

#### RISK-BASED SECURITY: ASSESSING THE PATH FORWARD FOR TSA PRE✓™.

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a hearing entitled “Risk-Based Security: Assessing the Path Forward for TSA Pre✓™. Testimony was heard from John Roth, Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security; Kenneth Fletcher, Chief Risk Officer, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; and Jennifer Grover, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office.

#### PATENT REFORM: PROTECTING AMERICAN INNOVATORS AND JOB CREATORS FROM ABUSIVE PATENT LITIGATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Patent Reform: Protecting American Innovators and Job Creators from Abusive Patent Litigation”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### WRECKING THE INTERNET TO SAVE IT? THE FCC’S NET NEUTRALITY RULE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Wrecking the Internet to Save It? The FCC’s Net Neutrality Rule”. Testimony was heard from Tom Wheeler, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; Ajit Pai, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission; Joshua D. Wright, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission; and Terrell McSweeney, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission.

#### LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations held a hearing on H.R. 707, the “Restoration of America’s Wire Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 152, the “Corolla Wild Horses Protection Act”; H.R. 308, the “Keep the Promise Act of 2015”; H.R. 373, the “Good Samaritan Search and Recovery Act”; H.R. 404, to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the Northport Irrigation District in the State of Nebraska; H.R. 533, to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe, and for other purposes; H.R. 979, to designate a mountain in the John Muir Wilderness of the Sierra National Forest as “Sky Point”; H.R. 984, to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail, and for other purposes; H.R. 1168, the “Native American Children Safety Act”; and H.R. 1324, the “Arapaho National Forest Boundary Adjustment Act of 2015”. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 308, H.R. 152, H.R. 373, H.R. 404, H.R. 533, H.R. 979, H.R. 984, H.R. 1168, and H.R. 1324.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 653, the “FOIA Oversight and Implementation Act of 2015”; H.R. 901, the “Eliminating Pornography from Agencies Act”; H.R. 1069, the “Presidential Library Donation Reform Act of 2015”; H.R. 1563, the “Federal Employee Tax Accountability Act of 2015”; H.R. 1562, the “Contracting and Tax Accountability Act of 2015”; H.R. 1557, the “Federal Employee Anti-discrimination Act of 2015”; H.R. 1531, the “Land Management Workforce Flexibility Act”; and H.R. 651, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 820 Elmwood Avenue in Providence, Rhode Island, as the “Sister Ann Keefe Post Office”. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 901, H.R. 1069, H.R. 1563, H.R. 1562, H.R. 1557, H.R. 1531, and H.R. 651. H.R. 653 was ordered reported, as amended.

**MEDICARE ACCESS AND CHIP  
REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2015**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2, the “Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015”. The committee granted, by voice vote, a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided among and controlled by the chairs and ranking minority members of the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all

points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 2, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from March 27, 2015, through April 10, 2015: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. In section 3, the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 2. In section 4, the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 2 of this resolution shall not constitute a calendar day for purposes of section 7 of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1546). In section 5, the rule provides that the Committee on Financial Services and the Committee on Ways and Means each may, at any time before 5 p.m. on April 6, 2015, file reports to accompany measures. Testimony was heard from Representatives Pitts and Pallone.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1561, the “Weather Research and Forecast Innovation Act of 2015”. H.R. 1561 was ordered reported, as amended.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1481, the “Small Contractors Improve Competition Act of 2015”. H.R. 1481 was ordered reported, as amended.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1058, the “Taxpayer Bill of Rights Act of 2015”; H.R. 1152, to prohibit officers and employees of the Internal Revenue Service from using personal email accounts to conduct official business; H.R. 1026, the “Taxpayer Knowledge of IRS Investigations Act”; H.R. 1314, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations; H.R. 1295, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the process for making determinations with respect to whether organizations are exempt from taxation under section

501(c)(4) of such Code; H.R. 709, the “Prevent Targeting at the IRS Act”; H.R. 1104, the “Fair Treatment for All Donations”; and H.R. 1105, the “Death Tax Repeal Act of 2015”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 1058, H.R. 1152, H.R. 1026, H.R. 1314, H.R. 1295, H.R. 709, H.R. 1104, and H.R. 1105.

## BUDGET HEARING

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on NSA and Cybersecurity held a budget hearing. This hearing was closed.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2015

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Labor, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine diplomacy, development, and national security, 10 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine U.S. Central Command, U.S. Africa Command and U.S. Special Operations Command programs and budget in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine securing the border, focusing on defining the current population living in the shadows and addressing future flows, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 665, to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, is missing in connection with the officer's official duties, or an imminent and credible threat that an individual intends to cause the serious injury or death of a law enforcement officer is received, and S. 125, to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2020, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine Veterans' Affairs opioid prescription policy, practice and procedures, 10 a.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 3 p.m., S-214, Capitol.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing on implementing the Agricultural Act of 2014: commodity policy and crop insurance, 9 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on Department of Homeland Security budget, 9 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on Army budget, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on Federal Investments in Neuroscience and Neurotechnology oversight, 10:30 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled “The Department of Defense's Readiness Posture”, 8 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing entitled “Combat Aviation Modernization Programs and the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Request”, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing entitled “Department of Defense Fiscal Year 2016 Science and Technology Programs: Laying the Groundwork to Maintain Technological Superiority”, 10:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Examining the Growing Problems of Prescription Drug and Heroin Abuse: State and Local Perspectives”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Next Steps for Spectrum Policy”, 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 299, the “Capital Access for Small Community Financial Institutions Act of 2015”; H.R. 601, the “Eliminate Privacy Notice Confusion Act”; H.R. 650, the “Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing Act of 2015”; H.R. 685, the “Mortgage Choice Act of 2015”; H.R. 1195, the “Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection Advisory Boards Act”; H.R. 1259, the “Helping Expand Lending Practices in Rural Communities Act”; H.R. 1265, the “Bureau Advisory Commission Transparency Act”; H.R. 1367, to amend the Expedited Funds Availability Act to clarify the application of that Act to American Samoa and the Northern Mariana Islands; H.R. 1408, the “Mortgage Servicing Asset Capital Requirements Act of 2015”; H.R. 1480, the “SAFE Act Confidentiality and Privilege Enhancement Act”; and H.R. 1529, the “Community Institution Mortgage Relief Act of 2015”(continued), 9 a.m., HVC-210.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Administration's Strategy to Confront ISIS”, 8:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Full Committee, business meeting to consider rules change; hearing entitled “Leadership Challenges at the Department of Homeland Security”, 9 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “Effect of the